

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 12, 14, and 15 have been amended; no claims are currently cancelled; no claims are added. Support for the foregoing Amendments is provided throughout the Specification as filed. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing Amendment and following Remarks, allowance of the pending claims is requested.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Vaughn and Examiner Doan for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative Rick Toering during the interview of November 16, 2005. During the Interview, Applicant's representative pointed out various relationships among the claim elements that are not found in the references relied upon by the Examiner. Applicants maintain that the rejected claims were patentable over the references cited by the Examiner. Solely in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims to further clarify these relationships. Accordingly, allowance of the pending claims is requested.

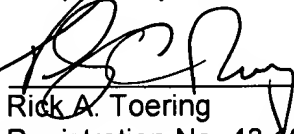
CONCLUSION

Having addressed each of the foregoing rejections, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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